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SUBJ: 26 TH WHA: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO
MEMBERSHIP

REF: A) STATE 074827; B) STATE 066738 ; C) STATE 065086

1. SUMMARY: FONDEPT OFFICIAL, WHEN APPROACHED BY US ON APRIL 24 RE
POSTPONEMENT OF NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION, STATED INDONESIAN
DEL WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO ABSTAIN ON POSTPONEMENT MOTION
AND, IF MOTION FAILS, WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY SUPPORT NORTH
KOREAN MEMBERSHIP. ROK CONGEN HERE HAS IMPRESSION-- MISTAKEN,
WE BELIEVE-- THAT INDONESIAN DEL MIGHT BE INSTRUCTED
TO SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER ACHECKING WITH ROK CONGEN, AMB KIM, WHO REPORTED
HE HAD RAISED SUBJECT MATTER TWICE WITH FOREIGN DEPARTMENT
LAST WEEK, CHARGE CALLED ON ABDULLAH KAMIL (DIRECTOR
OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DIVISION IN FOREIGN
DEPARTMENT) ON APRIL 24.

3. CHARGE EXPLAINED TO KAMIL REASONS (AS OUTLINED REF
C) USG CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION
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OF NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AT FORTHCOMING
WHA-- STRESSING PARALLEL BETWEEN EAST AND WEST GERMANY'S
IN PAST AND OUR DESIRE TO AVOID ANY ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT
INTERFERE WITH BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH
KOREA WHICH NOW AT DELICATE STATE.

4. KAMIL INITIALLY ARGUED THAT POSTPONEMENT WOULD BRING
" POLITICAL ISSUE" INTO SPECIALIZED AGENCY AND ASKED IF THAT
WAS USG DESIRE. CHARGE REPLIED THAT PRECISELY CONVERSE
WOULD SEEM TO BE CASE I. E. NORTH KOREA AND ITS SUPPORTERS
SEEKING TO HAVE SPECIALIZED AGENCY DEAL WITH QUESTION
WHICH BASICALLY POLITICAL IN NATURE AND, IN OUR VIEW,
WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATELY DECIDED BY UN POLITICAL FORUM,
NOT SPECIALIZED BODY SUCH AS WHO.

5. KAMIL THEN COMMENTED FOREIGN DEPT, WHILE APPRECIATING
MOST OF POINTS SET FORWARD BY USG AND ROK, WOULD FIND IT ALMOST
IMPOSSIBLE TO SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT MOTION SPONSORED BY
ROK AND, THEREFORE, THAT INSTRUCTIONS TO INDODEL WILL
CALL FOR ABSTENTION ON POSTPONEMENT MOTION. KAMIL WENT ON
TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT MOTION WOULD BE PASSED SO THAT VOTE
ON NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION WOULD NOT HAVE TO TAKE PLACE.
HE SAID GOI, GIVEN STATUS OF ITS RELATIONS WITH NORTH
KOREA, WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY SUPPORT APPLICATION IF MATTER
CAME TO VOTE.

6. ROK ' S CON GEN AMBASSADOR KIM REPORTS THAT WHEN HE RAISED
MATTER BRIEFLY WITH FONMIN MALIK LATTER MADE
COMMENTS WHICH LEFT IMPRESSION INDODEL
MIGHT BE INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT MOTION.
OUR TALK WITH KAMIL LEFT US WITH NO ROOM FOR SUCH
IMPRESSION, AND WE ARE SO INFORMING KIM. TOUSSAINT

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